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OF PREPARING THE SAME) **Group Art Unit: Unassigned**
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a national phase filing of International Application No.
PCT/EP2003/007552, filed July 11, 2003.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56,
Applicants submit information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Copies of the International Search Report dated November 12, 2003, and the
International Preliminary Examination Report dated October 28, 2004 are submitted
herewith. Applicants also provide copies of the five (5) items cited in the
International Search Report.

In the International Preliminary Examination Report claims were found to
satisfy the criteria for novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability.

European Patent No. 1,156,889 also is discussed at Page 8 of the
Specification. The following publications that are also discussed in Applicants'
Specification are provided:

U.K. Patent Application No. 2,130,924 – Page 5.

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European Patent No. 0944438 – Page 5.

U.S. Patent No. 6,312,520 – Pages 6, 8, 10 and 12.

A copy of International Publication No. WO 98/26877 entitled "Coating Blade" additionally is provided.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a form PTO-1449 is attached. It is requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned once the above items are considered.

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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